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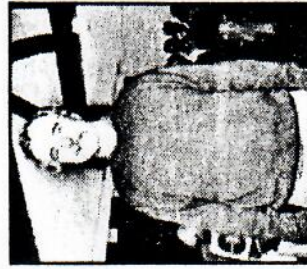
LONDONERS are using
so much fuel and produc-
ing so much waste that the
city is unsustainable in the
long term, a leading eco-
logist has warned.

Herbert Girardet, who
was speaking after a
screening of his film
Metropolis, said better
information or "eco-feed-
back" was the key to
reducing the damage
being done to London,
Britain and the rest of the
planet.

"If we had heat meters
somewhere very accessible,
telling us not only how
much energy we were
using but how much it was
costing, it would immedi-
ately make people think
about what it would mean
to have more energy-effi-
cient light bulbs, for exam-
ple," he said.

Metropolis, commis-
sioned and shown by
Channel 4 earlier this year
for World Environment
Day, was screened at a
meeting of Muswell Hill
Friends of the Earth last
week.

With a raft of figures



● Herbert Girardet: city
using too much fuel and
making too much waste.

about fuel and food con-
sumption in London, it
paints a picture of a city
sucking in more and more
natural resources without
replenishment.

Mr Girardet said that
under an agreement signed
by the Government at the
Earth Summit in Rio, local
authorities were commit-
ted to developing a strate-
gy for sustainable develop-
ment by 1996.

"If London doesn't get
its act together as a result
of this then the rest of the
country can forget it," he
said.

MacGregor demonstrators are acquitted of disorder

NINE M11 protesters who draped a 25ft pic-
ture of a motorway on the roof of former
Transport Secretary John MacGregor's
Muswell Hill home were last Thursday
cleared of disorderly conduct by magistrates.

The banner, with the slogan "Returned to
sender, love Claremont Road, E11" was "a
symbolic role reversal" of what had hap-
pened in the East End, demonstrator Mark
Johnston told Haringey court.

"We wanted it to represent homes being
smashed into in the early hours of the morn-
ing," he said. Hence the 6.40am start of the
protest.

Magistrate Stephen Day said he was
"impressed" by the nine's behaviour in
court, adding that he was not there to com-
ment on the M11 nor would he define "the
boundaries of legitimate protest".

He was satisfied the protest was peaceful
and there was "no evidence anyone was dis-
turbed in any way".

He ordered that the demonstrators' costs
be paid from public funds.

Anthony Jennings, defending, earlier told
the court that residents even made tea for the
demonstrators, passing it up through the
MacGregor's home via police.

DEATHS

PAPPWORTH, Maurice.
October 12th, peacefully at
home. Sadly missed by his
daughters and grandchildren.
Memorial service at Hampstead
Synagogue, Dennington Park
Road, London NW6, on Wed-
nesday 23rd November at
6.30pm.

ROMILLY, Irene May. May 1915
to August 1994. Rest in Peace
Mama. Roc-Mil-Lys - Rock-of-
Lilies Motto: Persevere, she
certainly did. Funeral service to
take place at Hampstead
Cemetery on Thursday 27th
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